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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending. The Examiner states that Claim 1-16 and 18-24 are allowed. (See Office Action page 2, 4th sentence.)

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claim 25 because of alleged “informalities.” In particular, the Examiner states that in Claim 25, lines 7-11, “ ‘cells’ seems to refer back to ‘cells’ recited in Claim 25, line 4. If this is true, it is suggested applicant change ‘cells’ to ‘the cells.’ ” (See Office Action page 2, paragraph 1.) Such amendment has been made. Accordingly, the objection is obviated.

Rejection under 35 USC § 101

The Examiner has rejected Claim 17 stating that the claim is directed to non-statutory subject matter. (See Office Action page 3, paragraph 3.) The Examiner states that the rejection would be overcome by amending “machine readable medium” to “computer readable medium.” Such amendment has been made. Accordingly, the rejection is obviated.

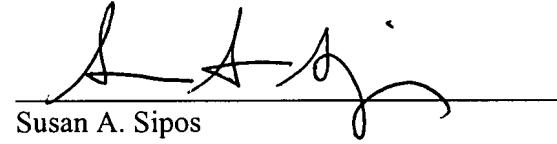
Other Amendment

Applicant has amended Claim 3 to remedy informalities. Claim 3 comprises steps (a)-(e). The word “and” between steps (c) and (d) has been replaced with a semicolon. Also, the comma at the end of step (d) has been replaced with a semicolon.

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In view of the instant Amendment, it is asserted that this application is in condition for allowance. If resolution of any remaining issues is required, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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